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REBEL UNDERGROUND

MISSISSIPPIAN?

Mr. Robertson has most kindly and generously offered a space in his newspaper for our comments and letters. Although we appreciate his magnanimous offer, we feel that our "comic strip" would be out of place in his chamber of horrors, just as Brother Dave Gardner would be out of place with a Yankee accent. Believe it or not, we did not publish this paper in order to receive comments from his alleged great fountain of knowledge. We realize that this is likely to come as a tremendous shock to his Gargantuan ego, for he obviously does not realize that every student at Ole Miss does not scramble around beneath his self-expected pedestal eagerly awaiting the crumbs of propaganda that he attempts to cram down the unsuspecting throat of anybody who happens to pass his way. Mr. Robertson, concerning your comment, "Who needs it?!"

NO COMMENT

"No comment," replied the fearless young editor of the Mississippian, when asked to comment on the Rebel Underground in an article for the Clarion Ledger. Can this be the same Jim Robertson who later (in the security of his own newspaper) found the courage to make several long-winded comments on the same subject? Was the outspoken lad rendered speechless (for once), or was he suddenly possessed by an overwhelming fear of the reaction of the people of Mississippi to his distorted views? Has he become afraid of biting the hand that holds the purse?

ANONYMITY

His refusal to make comment was based on the fact that "the thing" was unsigned. Mr. Robertson has challenged us to identify ourselves. The principal reasons for our anonymity are as follows:

1. Certain faculty members have definitely threatened severe penalties for anyone involved in this newsletter.
2. Unlike Mr. Robertson, we have no desire to receive any personal glory or publicity.
3. As the facts that are presented in this paper are true,

they do not need anyone's name printed under them to make them valid.

Concerning his statement that no student has taken apart any of his editorials point by point, we have to laugh. Could it be that the students have no means by which to criticize his editorials? Obviously, any letter along these lines would be highly censored, if published at all. Who are you kidding, Mr. Robertson?! Apparently, anyone who does not agree with you has a mental problem. Yes, we know, Mr. Editor, every one is out of step but you!!!!

DEBATE

In reply to Robertson's debate, we can see no necessity for it. The Mississippian's editorials are sufficient to prove all charges made against him. You cannot explain away what is in black and white. Your record speaks for itself, Jim. However, we will be more than happy to discuss and debate the real issues of this campus with you at any time, if you are willing to stop hiding them by using sensationalism and yellow journalism. Get off your integration kicks and scandal sheet and write about the real problems facing this campus. If the Mississippian would spend more time doing this instead of writing left-wing radicalism and rabble-rousing, it could contribute significantly to campus life.

PROPOSALS

We propose the following:

1. That the candidates for President of the A. S. B. (Trent Lott, John Ellis, and Dick Wilson—especially Dick Wilson, who is Robertson's roommate) present a real platform to the students and give them an opportunity to understand the candidates and their proposals. It is time that the students know what the candidates stand for, so that they may observe their behavior in office and criticize their actions through their representative body, the campus Senate.
2. That milk machines be placed in the dormitories on the campus.

3. That reasonable rent be charged in Vet Villiage, and that decent playgrounds be provided for the children.

4. That a little discretion be used by the Mississippian, and that they quit harrassing and antagonizing the state government and the alumni. If they can accomplish this there is a grand possibility that we will be granted a new Student Union Building.

SENATE RESOLUTION

"The Mississippian" has freely printed all letters written by both students and outsiders (with in the bounds of decency, of course), and the authors of "Rebel Underground" are welcome to have any letters printed they so desire. "The Mississippian" friends, is a very noble statement, but it simply does not happen to be true. Judging from the number of extreme left-wing letters and editorials, which have decorated the pages of "The Mississippian", we feel that Mr. Robertson must have a strange interpretation of the phrase, "with in the bounds of decency."

"The Rebel Underground" is watching with great interest the resolution in the Senate to reprimand Robertson and urge all students to get behind their Senators and urge them to pass this resolution. Let's you fear for your freedom of the press, Mr. Robertson, we would like to clarify a few things. No one could be more in favor of freedom of the press than we are, but no one could be less in favor of an editor's taking advantage of this freedom and turning a campus newspaper into a personal loud-speaker for his own news than we are. What we would like to see accomplished by the Senate's resolution is simply this--let's make The Mississippian a campus newspaper as it was meant to be. Let's get this resolution passed and make The Mississippian the student's newspaper, or let's change its name to "Robertson's News Bulletin".

NICK ROBERTS' TWO*BITS

Robert said, "Highly opinionated people seldom look at the entire factual merits." Isn't this opinionated in itself, Mr. Robert? Are you so opinionated you can't look at both sides? It is interesting to note, however, that several students have expressed the desire to help finance the "Rebel Underground", but the purpose of the "Rebel Underground" is to present the other side of the story, not to make money.



"TWO LEFTS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT"

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2. Unlike Mr. Robertson, we have no desire to be identified personally.

3. As the newsletter is a personal expression of opinion, we feel it is our right to remain anonymous.